

Inclosure 4 in No. 20.

Lieutenant-General Sir W. Williams to Lord Lyons.

(Telegraphic.)

Montréal, November 6, 1860.

ANDERSON is in custody waiting requisition. *Habeas corpus* will be moved next term at Toronto, where the question whether Anderson's case comes within the Ashburton Treaty will be brought before the Court.

Inclosure 5 in No. 20.

Lord Lyons to Sir W. Williams.

Sir,

Washington, December 14, 1860.

I HAVE the honour to inclose a copy of a letter which I have received to-day, signed "Thomas Hemming, Secretary of the Anti-Slavery Society of Canada," relative to the case of John Anderson, the man of colour whose surrender is demanded under the Treaty of 1842 by the United States' Government.

I inclose also a letter (under flying seal) which I have written to Mr. Hemming in reply; and I have the honour to request your Excellency (should you see no objection to doing so) to cause it to be forwarded to its destination.

It may, perhaps, be worth while for me to say that when I transmitted the demand for the extradition of Anderson to your Excellency, by post and by telegraph on the 3rd ultimo, I was not aware that there were any peculiar circumstances in the case, or that it was likely to give rise to excitement. But, at all events, my part would have been to forward the demand as a matter of course.

I do not now know anything of the facts of the case, except what I have read in the newspapers.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure 6 in No 20.

Mr. Hemming to Lord Lyons.

My Lord,

Toronto, December 11, 1860.

A REPORT has gained currency in Canada that your Excellency had transmitted to the British Government a statement of facts in the case of Anderson, a coloured refugee from the United States, and now in Canada, and that the Imperial Government had replied, expressing an opinion that the said fugitive should be delivered up to the authorities at Missouri.

I am requested by the Committee of the Anti-Slavery Society of Canada to ask that your Lordship (if not inconsistent with your duty) will be good enough to say whether there is any foundation for such a rumour.

The case being now before our Courts has created much public interest, and as important consequences are likely to follow from its decision, the Committee take the liberty of thus troubling your Excellency on the subject.

I have, &c.
(Signed) THOS. HEMMING,
Secretary to the Anti-Slavery Society of Canada.

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Lord Lyons to Mr. Hemming.

Sir,

Washington, December 14, 1860.

I HAVE this morning received a letter from you dated the 11th instant. In answer to it I have to say that I have neither transmitted a statement of the